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FINDS OLD CLIPPER  
Mrs. W. B. Morgan, while cleaning out an old dresser which belonged to her mother, found a copy of The Clipper

dated July 21, 1904. M. S. Carmichael was editor and proprietor. Several columns were taken up by the trial of Miss Annie Rivers who was charged with murder of her brother-in-law, S. M. Stewart. Evidence in the case showed that she concealed a pistol in her parol and drew it out and shot Mr. Stewart at a ball game in Elba.

The article stated that the trial created more interest and was attended by more people than any in the history of the county up to that time. After long deliberation by the jury, Miss Rhodes was acquitted.

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## COTTON QUIZ

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

To Ella Humphrey, whose last known post office address was Lake Butler, Fla.:

You will take notice that the Commissioners heretofore appointed by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to set apart homestead exemptions to the estate of the late Jim Guilford, deceased, died seized and possessed in Coffee County, Alabama, have filed their report in the said Probate Court; and that consideration of said report of Commissioners will be heard at the office of the Probate Judge at the Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, on Saturday, 25 August 1951 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. You may be present in person or by counsel at said time and place to object to said time and place to object to said

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report of Commissioners, if you see fit so to do.  
Done this 7th day of July 1951.  
T. O. English, Probate Judge August 3-25

State of Alabama, Coffee County, in the Probate Court of said County and state at Elba, Alabama.

To Mrs. Lucy Byrd and Mrs. Bessie B. Stone, non-residents: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, at Elba, Alabama, asking for the condemnation of right-of-way for a public road for the use of the public through certain lands belonging to R. S. Boyd, L. A. Boyd Jr., Mrs. Mildred Murphree, Mrs. Lucy B. Byrd and Mrs. Bessie B. Stone, jointly, as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Sta. 0+00 a width of 100' on top and converging into a width of 50 feet on

right of center line at Sta. 1400 thence 50' on right along tangent with bearing of 38 degrees 5 minutes 20" W. to Sta. 9+27.5 thence on tangent with bearing of 88 degrees 16' W. to Sta. 13+28 thence on same tangent (50' R. N65° 0' L. of center line) to Sta. 49+86.5, thence 50' rt. No. 50' L. of centerline, on curve to left having a radius of 3810.83 to Sta. 57+82.0, thence on tangent with bearing of S 70 degrees 20' W. (50' R. 90° L. of centerline to Sta. 62+69.1, thence on curve to the right, having a radius of 3274.17 to Sta. 66+58 (50' R. E 50° L.), a distance of 6658' and containing 13.76 acres more or less inclosing that part now occupied by the present

road.

Said property being located in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 9 T. 3 N., R. 20 E., Coffee County, Alabama.

You are hereby notified that the 1st day of Sept., 1951 at 10 o'clock A. M., has been set for the hearing of said petition Court at said time and place as above stated and contest the same if you should see proper so to do.

Done this 2nd day of August, 1951.  
J. O. English, Judge of Probate. Aug. 9-23

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Time Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

6:00 Sign On  
6:00 to 6:30 Yawn Busters  
6:30 to 7:00 Sunrise Revival  
7:00 to 7:15 Morning Headlines  
7:15 to 7:30 Musical Clock  
7:30 to 8:00 Swap Shop  
8:00 to 8:30 Purple Sage Riders  
8:30 to 8:45 March Time  
8:45 to 9:00 Keynotes by Carle  
9:00 to 9:15 Morning Devotional  
9:15 to 9:30 World News  
9:30 to 9:45 Kitchen Kapers  
9:45 to 10:00 Hen's Party-1st Ed  
10:00 to 10:30 Hen's Party-1st Ed  
10:30 to 11:00 Hen's Party-1st Ed  
11:00 to 11:30 Hen's Party-1st Ed  
11:30 to 12:00 Ford News  
12:00 to 12:15 Dinnerbell R'dp  
12:15 to 12:30 8th'n Farm R'w  
12:30 to 12:45 Here Comes Rhythm  
12:45 to 1:00 Leon Barnes Sings  
1:00 to 1:15 Hen's Party-2nd Ed  
1:15 to 1:30 Hen's Party-2nd Ed  
1:30 to 2:00 News  
2:00 to 2:05 Afternoon Varieties  
2:05 to 2:15 Afternoon Varieties  
2:15 to 2:30 Four Knights  
2:30 to 2:45 Blue Barron Fr'n's  
2:45 to 3:00 Meet The Band  
3:00 to 3:30 Club 1230  
3:30 to 3:45 Club 1230  
3:45 to 4:00 Club 1230  
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4:30 to 4:45 Club 1230  
4:45 to 5:00 News  
5:00 to 5:15 Randy Brooks  
5:15 to 5:30 Sundown Jamboree  
5:30 to 5:45 Sundown Jamboree  
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6:30 to 7:00 Salon Serenade  
7:00 to 7:15 Dancing Party  
7:15 to 7:30 Dancing Party  
7:30 to 7:45 Dancing Party  
7:45 to 8:00 Dancing Party  
8:00 to 8:15 News  
8:15 to 8:30 Starlight Serenade  
8:30 to 8:45 Song Souvenirs  
8:45 to 9:00 Sign Off

People, Spots In The News

OIL AND WATER mix tragically in Kansas City flood as 500,000 gallons of gasoline and oil burn, destroying lumber yard and eerily lighting scene for wailing J-enters.

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ALSO  
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## KINSTON NEWS

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LARGE SELECTION NEW FALL DRESSES  
Sizes 9 to 15, 12 to 20 Full Line of Half Sizes Extra Large Sizes

THESE DRESSES ARE NEW  
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66 Gauge 15 Denier Special 98c Pair  
Ladies Blouses As Low As 88c Each

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Children's Cotton Panties Size 2 to 6 Single Crotch 10c Pair

MENS AND BOYS CLOTHING  
Men's Khaki Work Shirts 250 Drill Size 14 1-2 to 17 \$1.96  
Men's Rayon Socks Reg. 50c Value 25c Pair  
Men's Sanforied Shorts Full Cut Size 28 to 42 49c Pair

Men's Cotton Socks 15c Pair  
Blue Chambray Work Shirts Full Cut Good Quality 98c Each  
Boys' Sanforied Shorts New Stock Long Sleeves 6 to 16 Reg. \$2 Value \$1.49

8 oz Dungarees Size 2-6 \$1.35 pr Size 8-12 \$1.59 pr Size 14-16 \$1.75 pr  
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POOR ORIGINAL



## SOCIALS

### J. J. Moores Hold Annual Reunion

The annual reunion of the family of the late Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Moores met Aug. 12 for its annual reunion at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Moore, Elba, R. 5.

It was decided to hold the reunion next year with Mr. & Mrs. Pat Lambert, Campden, Fla. Present for the reunion were: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Comer Johnson and sons; Jack Moore; Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Moore and son; Mr. & Mrs. Les Johnson and four children; Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Crook and daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Foxton Clark and two children; Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Thomas and three children; Mr. & Mrs. Mack Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Talmadge Galt and two children; A. G. Galt; Mrs. Buddy



### ARMSTRONG'S ASPHALT TILE

Mrs. Frank A. Smith from Chicago arrived Wednesday to visit with his sister, Mrs. J. F. Rodenborn.

### Lindsey-Thomason Furniture Company

"Makers of Happy Homes"

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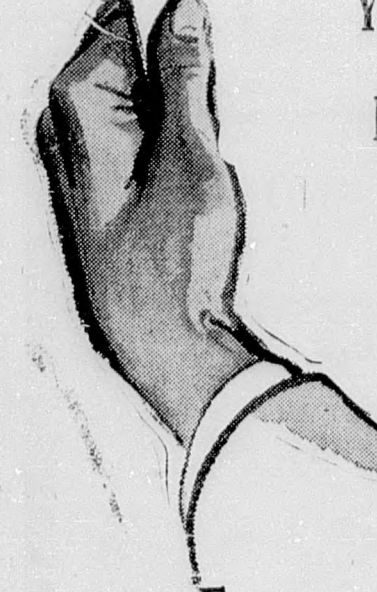
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We appreciate your patronage.

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POPPY ORIGINAL

### New Steam Generating Plant at Gantt Will Firm Up Power Here

Andalusia—Contracts for construction work on the new 15,000 KW steam electric power generating plant to be built by Alabama Electric Cooperative at Gantt, in Covington county, will be awarded within six weeks.

That announcement was made this week following a meeting of the Alabama Electric Cooperative board of directors.

Work on the \$3,197,335 generating unit will get under way as rapidly as possible. In a move to speed construction, these officials stated, preliminary work of clearing the plant site of trees, stumps, and trash, and test drilling will be done shortly.

Designers of the plant have placed a tentative construction time of 22 months on the new unit. One of the greatest benefits to come from the new power-generating plant, according to Alabama Electric engineers, will be the fact that the electricity generated there can be used to firm up or make use of the year round power produced at Alabama Electric's hydro plants at Gantt, Point A, and Elba.

Alabama Electric now purchases a portion of its electric power from a private utility.

The towns of Andalusia, Opp, Troy, Evergreen, Brundidge, Lurline and Elba along with the unit. One of the greatest benefits to come from the new power-generating plant, according to Alabama Electric engineers, will be the fact that the electricity generated there can be used to firm up or make use of the year round power produced at Alabama Electric's hydro plants at Gantt, Point A, and Elba.

Mrs. F. J. Rodenborn entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. F. A. Smith Saturday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames Wm. Mullins, Lydia Chappel, T. Rhodes, Bragg, J. W. Parker, Dexter Bryan, Gusie Hutchinson and M. A. Owens. Refreshments were served.

Sgt. Walter Smith, Mrs. Lynn Padgett and daughter, Linda, spent a few days last week with their brother Prescott Smith in Titusville, Fla. They also visited Miami, Silver Springs, McGee Jungle Gardens at Vero Beach and Daytona Beach.

Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Reeves spent Tuesday in Birmingham. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hurd were weekend guests of Mr. & Mrs. James Hurd and Mr. & Mrs. Willie B. Sheffield of Grove Hill.

Short mortgage forms, timber deeds, bills of sale and other legal forms for sale at the Clipper

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A \$1000 MATCH!

What one match can sometimes cost forest landowners.

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## Ann Payne Named "Prettiest in Pike"

Ann Payne, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John P. Payne of Elba, won the title of "Maid of Cotton" in a contest recently held in Troy. She and three other contestants were pictured in a recent issue of the Montgomery Advertiser.

In describing Miss Payne, it was stated: "Miss Payne, who is 19, weighs 126 pounds and is five feet, six and one-half inches in height. A student at Troy State Teachers College, her ambition is to teach the first grade."

Miss Payne is a graduate of Elba High School and is popular among a large number of associates. The Clipper joins her friends in extending congratulations.

**WEDDING POSTPONED**  
The wedding of Rev. Donald Taylor of Elba and Miss Willow Jean Spikes of Geneva has been postponed and will not be held until a later date.

Plans make it necessary to delay the wedding which was set for the Westside Methodist church.

The change in arrangements was not known to the Clipper in time to prevent the original announcement from being printed in some of the papers on the first press run Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Moody's brother, Richard Croxton, who has been undergoing treatment in Veterans' hospital in Biloxi, Miss., plans to make his home with her in West Elba.

**REGULAR SERVICES**  
Announcement is made that that regular services will be held Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church.

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### Stamp Collecting Is Nation's Most Popular Hobby

NEW YORK—Stamp collecting tops America's 10 most popular hobbies it was determined recently after a survey of more than 22,000 hobby clubs throughout the United States.

The other top 10, in order of their popularity, are: American glassware, woodworking, model-making, dolls, autographs, coins, painting, needlework and miniatures.

This represents a complete change in America's hobby habits since 1941, when the last nationwide comprehensive study showed that the 10 most popular hobbies were stamps, dolls, coins, books, cooking, buttons, Indian arrow-heads and artifacts, amateur naturalists collecting butterflies, insects, etc., and trains and postcards.

Collecting Glass Popular  
The big surprise is America's turn to glassware, the collecting of American glassware, which ran 15th or 16th in previous years. However, the last three years have seen the formation of close to 600 clubs devoted to the collecting of hand-made American glassware. Approximately 750,000 men and women are engaged in this hobby. This is the first time an art, dating back to 1609.

Woodworking, the nation's number one hobby, was not rated before in the first 25. This new popularity is attributed partly to the emphasis educational organizations have placed on this craft, and to American pride and ingenuity in creating a useful article that can be used around the home.

Seven hobbies never before in the first 25 have now been rated. They are the collecting of hand-made glassware, autographs, dolls, autographs, coins, painting, needlework and miniatures.

Another phase of the study revealed that throughout the country there are about 19,000,000 hobbyists. Ten million are women, 7,000,000 men and 2,000,000 are children.

**Galt's Fifteen Day Vigil Ends in 'Disappointment'**  
KEREKMEOS, B. C.—The 15 days of chanting and prayer in a darkened stone farm cottage by 35 members of a religious cult who were waiting to meet the end of the world was finally called off in disappointment.

Mrs. Grace Agnes Carlson, leader of the cult, said that the side interference prevented their "meeting their God."

Called the "children of light," members of the cult waited in semi-darkness for the event. Blankets had been pinned over windows and the isolated cottage on the outskirts of the little fruit farming community of Kerekmeos, where were men, women and children who had divested themselves of worldly possessions.

Many sold all their possessions to be free of debt "when the Lord comes." Some disposed of archival lands for as little as \$2 an acre. Marriage licenses and personal papers were reported to have been burned, and women were said to have divested themselves of their wedding rings.

What most believed to be their last night on earth was spent in hymns and prayer around a table on which lay a seven-branched candlestick cast with shadows. Beside the candlestick were a piece of bread and a modernistic carved stone, said to represent two angels.

When nothing happened the group gave up their watch and left the cottage.

While this was going on there was little worry over whether the world would end or not in the rest of the little community of 1000 Townspeople slept undisturbed through the "last" night. The only representative of the law, William "Pete" of the Royal Canadian mounted police, ignored the cult.

**Carrier Just Took Mail Home When His Feet Began to Ache**  
CHICAGO, Ill.—Bernard A. Dreyer, 28, a mail carrier and part-time golf caddy, told postal inspectors recently that his aching feet prompted him to skip making all his mail deliveries.

He told inspectors he took the mail to his four room bachelorette apartment when his feet hurt. He had been on the job for three and a half years.

### Comic Fantasy Billed at Elba Theatre Next Week

"For Heaven's Sake," Twentieth Century-Fox comic fantasy starring Clifton (Mr. Belvedere) Webb in his first film since "Champion by the Dunes," spring, is an attraction at Elba Theatre next week. Also starring are Joan Bonnell, last seen in "Father of the Bride," Robert Cummings and Edmund (Mister 880) Gwenn. Joan Bonnell and Gigi Perreau head the supporting players roster which includes Jack LaRue, Harry Von Zell and Tommy Rettig.

George Seaton wrote and directed the film for Producer William Perleberg. They are remembered for their "Miracle on 34th Street" with Gwenn as well as for other triumphs. "For Heaven's Sake" is based on a play by Harry Segal, creator of the memorable "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" is a similar comic vein with celestial implication.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Corbett and Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Smith of Columbus, Ga. were the weekend guests of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Smith.

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### THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY DR. KENNETH I. FOREMAN  
Scripture: Luke 20:1-26; Acts 23:1-23:27; Romans 13:1-1 Peter 2:13-17  
VOTATIONAL READING: Romans 13:1-17

**Christians and Law**  
Lesson for August 19, 1951

AMERICANS are not noted for their respect for law. Sometimes the big business is the reason. In a certain southern state there are two countries through which run some main highways. But tourists are well advised to stay away from there, because the roads have been pounded into a mass of potholes by overloaded coal trucks operating at high speeds and often on the wrong side of the road. Now the state has a law against speeding. There is an honest state police department. But although various arrests have been made, the heat of the police department reports that in those two counties they never yet have been able to secure a single conviction in the courts. Why?

**Who Is to Blame?**  
SOME states' politics is to blame. That is to say, a man wants to get, or to hold, office, so eagerly that he will ignore the law in order to keep his little place in the sun.

There is another county where a policeman shot a lawbreaker resisting arrest and attempting to shoot the officer. The county judge tried to make three successive grand juries indict the policeman, but after looking into the facts they all refused.

Here was the interesting spectacle of a judge on the bench (elected three times) trying to make the law against a grand jury to indict an innocent man. The thing was, the policeman was from out of the county, but the man he killed, being a bootlegger, had many friends who were also friends of the judge.

We Get What We Deserve  
BUT we cannot blame big business, or mean politics, for the lawlessness of America. If individuals respect the law, if every man respects the law just as he wants others to respect it, then we need no business and we could get rid of dishonest politicians.

An official high in federal circles, who had had plenty of opportunity to observe, remarked last spring, speaking of controls, that every one wants the other man controlled, everybody wants to control somebody else, but nobody wants to be controlled.

That's just the trouble. We can make all the laws we please, but so long as we are the kind of people who will not respect a law if it cramps our own style, then we need not be surprised at the sort of thing a senate crime committee digs up.

No Government Is Perfect  
MANY of us try to excuse ourselves by saying that the government is inefficient or even crooked, and that the laws are unfair. Christians, certainly, can see very easily the failings of both government and law. Let Christians ought to be the very persons to set the example of respect for law and government.

Consider the New Testament. Hardly a single Christian mentioned in that book had the least thing to do with making the laws of those times. The government was from the top down, the exact opposite of democratic. None of the early Christians could vote or hold office.

The government, whether in Palestine or in Rome, was in non-Christian hands. The laws lacked a good deal of being wholly just and fair. Nevertheless, Jesus and Paul and Peter, all of whom suffered from the laws of their times, urged men to pay tribute (taxes) to Caesar, to support the magistrates, to obey the laws. Even a selfish, money-hungry and often cruel government like that of Rome deserved support. Jesus and Paul alike remind us that we rely on government for protection; that government, in spite of all exceptions, is on the side of good men, not against them.

If we had no government we should miss it and want it. St. Peter, writing to Christians who were actually being persecuted by the government, urged them nevertheless to be loyal to the authorities. There may come times—indeed, human nature being what it is, such times are bound to come—when a government proves so corrupt and unjust that it deserves to fall, but even then the way out is not the way of lawlessness. Reforms come best from the law-abiding, not the law-defying.

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## WILL JOIN FAMILY

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## BENEFIT CARD GAME

A benefit card party will be held in the Elba school lunchroom Thursday night, August 23 at 7:30 P. M.

The party is being sponsored by the Twentieth Century Club. Members of the club are now selling tickets for the card party which will include bridge, canasta, and pool. Refreshments will be served while you play.

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## SOCIALS

Mrs. Chalmers Blackmon and Mrs. Clyde Harris were hostesses to the Bernice Fox Circle of the Elba, Ala. Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Blackmon.

Mrs. J. A. Boutwell gave the devotion and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, a visitor from the B. W. C. gave the mission lesson.

Mrs. Melvin Booser and daughters are visiting relatives in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Lirgsey of New Orleans are visiting with her parents, Mrs. George Lindsey and Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanbarrum and son Vandy have recently returned from Pichu, Japan, and are visiting Mrs. Vanbarrum's parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Rainer, Capt. Vanbarrum has been on military duty in Korea for the past two years.

Miss Doris Vanbarrum, the captain's sister from Portland, Maine, is also a guest in the Rainer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Swain and family and Mr. & Mrs. Louie Gurnard and children of Panama City and Dwight Moody of Washington, D. C. were called to Elba because of the serious illness and death of their father and grandfather, Rev. Walter Moody.

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## Joe Lynn Maddox of Birmingham

spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Maddox.

Mrs. Edson Farmer and daughter, Judy, have returned to their home in Tampa, Fla. following a visit in the home of Mrs. Farmer's sister, Mrs. N. B. Creswell.

Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Rainer Jr. of Tuscaloosa recently visited their parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Rainer and Dr. & Mrs. W. C. Braswell.

Mr. & Mrs. Vandave Beasley and daughter Jane of Birmingham were guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Kendrick Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Vaughan returned Sunday with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Dye in Damascus community.

Marion Brunson left Monday for Perry, Fla. where he will teach in the elementary school.

Phil Crigler of Panama City, Fla. visited in the home of W. J. Bullard during the weekend.

Mrs. Crigler is at the bedside of her father who suffered a paralytic stroke three weeks ago. His condition shows little change.

Miss Mabel Brunson spent the week at Blue Ridge, Tenn. where she was a guest of Mr. & Mrs. George Saxon.

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